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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Randal K. BUDDINGTON, et al. ART UNIT: 1615

SERIAL NO.: 09/671,106

EXAMINER: Charesse Evans

FILING DATE: September 28, 2000

FOR: INHIBITION OF SYSTEMIC INFECTIONS IN HUMANS AND
VERTEBRATES BY DIETARY FIBERS

AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Reconsideration of the final Office Action dated January 14, 2002 in view of the
following remarks is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1, 4-7 and 15 and amend the remaining claims as follows:

B 8. (Amended) A method for the prevention of systemic infections in humans or vertebrates
caused by pathogenic bacteria comprising administering to humans or vertebrates at an increased risk
of developing systemic infections a composition containing an effective amount of a dietary fiber or
a mixture of dietary fibers.

B2 16. (Amended) The method according to Claim 20, wherein the dietary fiber is selected from
the group consisting of lignin, cellulose, hemicellulose, pectin, gums, arabic gum, carrageenan,
waxes, resistant oligosaccharides, oligofructose, resistant polysaccharides, resistant starch and
fructan.

B3 Sub Cl 20. (Amended) A method for the inhibition and/or treatment of systemic infections in
humans or vertebrates comprising administering to humans or vertebrates having a systemic infection



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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)	Application Number	09/671,106
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This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Note: If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on October 31, 2001. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on _____.
- iii. ☐ Other: _____.
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment (including attachment)
- ii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

2. Miscellaneous

Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c)

- a. ☐ for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required).
- b. ☐ Other _____.
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1442.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e).
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17).
- iii. ☒ Other Cited Documents (5).
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 370.00 enclosed.

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